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SUBJECT: CHILD OF FORMER BULGARIAN REFUGEE

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1. MR. WARREN MORSE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATOR/PUBLIC GUARDIAN OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN LYOBOMIR AND A
BULGARIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A) MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN MR. MORSE'S OFFICE
(HOWEVER IF BULGARIANS OBJECT AN ALTERNATE LOCATION WOULD
BE COURTROOM)

B) PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ONLY LYOBOMIR, ONE BULGARIAN
OFFICIAL, AND MR. MORSE.

C) ENTIRE CONVERSATION WILL BE IN ENGLISH FOR MR. MORSE'S
CONVENIENCE AS WELL AS LYOBOMIR'S PROTECTION. IN ANY
CASE LYOBOMIR HAS SPOKEN ONLY ENGLISH FOR SEVERAL YEARS
AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO IMMEDIATELY COPE WITH EXTENDED
CONVERSATION IN BULGARIAN AND ANY INTERPRETERS WHICH
MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WOULD PROBABLY COME FROM
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AREA'S BULGARIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, A SOMEWHAT DISAGREEABLE

POSSIBILITY FOR BOTH US AND THE BULGARIANS.
DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
OF INTERPRETER.

D) MR. MORSE WILL NOT BE A PARTICIPANT BUT WILL
ENSURE THAT THESE GROUND RULES ARE OBSERVED AND REASSURE
LYOBOMIR BY HIS PRESENCE. HE WILL HOWEVER BE ALLOWED
TO END THE INTERVIEW UPON VIOLATION OF GROUND RULES
OR ANY ATTEMPT BY BULGARIAN OFFICIAL TO INTIMIDATE
LYOBOMIR. WE INTEND TO INFORM BULGARIAN EMBASSY OF
THIS OFFER AND ITS CONDITIONS AND WILL ASSIST IN ARRANG-
ING THE INTERVIEW.

2. F.Y.I. MORSE AND LYOBOMIR HAVE PROVIDED US WITH
COPIES OF SEVERAL LETTERS LYOBOMIR HAS RECENTLY
RECEIVED FROM HIS GRANDMOTHER, (APPARENTLY HIS MOTHER'S
MOTHER). THEY ARE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH BY ONE OF HIS
COUSINS. THE GRANDMOTHER STATES IN HER LETTERS THAT
LYOBOMIR'S FATHER IS STILL IN PRISON WITH TWO MORE
YEARS TO SERVE. IN ADDITION, HIS FATHER IS NOT ALLOWED
TO WRITE OR RECEIVE MAIL. THE GRANDMOTHER NOTES THAT
LYOBOMIR'S MOTHER REMARRIED IN 1973 SOME YEARS AFTER
DIVORCING LYOBOMIR'S FATHER. THE GRANDMOTHER FURTHER
NOTES THAT LYOBOMIR IS TO WRITE ONLY TO HER ADDRESS
AND THAT SHE "WILL WRITE TRUE" FOR HIS MOTHER. BASED
UPON THESE LETTERS IT APPEARS THAT BULGARIANS MAY BE
TRYING A "BUM'S RUSH" IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LYOBOMIR'S
RETURN. KISSINGER

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